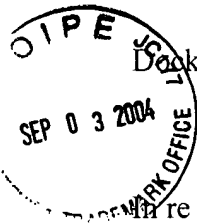


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Where Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Hideto HIDAKA : Confirmation Number: 6046
Serial No.: 10/623,565 : Group Art Unit: 2824
Filed: July 22, 2003 : Examiner: Van Thu T. Nguyen
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ELEMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 16, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-6) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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